Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 21 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 22 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 20 Jan 2021 at 15:35 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold conditions to continue with snow showers to low levels, and for strong winds over next couple of days. Lower for shower detail.

Headline for Thursday 21 Jan 2021: Bitterly cold with occasional snow showers and northwesterly gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 21 Jan 2021

Blizzards Medium Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Light snow	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow	Light snow	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
80%	50%	20%	30%	40%	40%	60%	50%

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Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of snow in the early hours turning light and patchy later. The day will see occasional snow showers, these more frequent across western parts of Argyll and Lochaber, but more isolated towards the Trossachs. A few sunny interludes are possible, especially along the west coast and in the Trossachs. The winds will be strong enough to lift and blow any fresh snow so some temporary blizzard conditions are likely at height.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%

Visibility: Good between showers, and away from cloud, falling poor in snow showers, occasionally very poor in any heavier showers or blowing snow. Cloud bases varying as showers pass through, perhaps dropping to 450m-600m at times and some longer periods of cloud on the Munro tops.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	21/25 N	30/36 N	38/46 N	41/49 N	37/46 NW	38/48 NW	38/48 NW	41/51 NW	37/46 W
900	11/13 N	18/23 N	23/30 N	24/31 NW	24/32 NW	24/33 NW	24/33 NW	27/37 NW	24/33 W
600	10/12 NE	17/22 N	24/29 N	28/35 NW	27/34 NW	27/35 NW	25/33 W	29/37 NW	25/34 W
300	6/8 N	6/8 NW	11/16 N	12/19 NW	14/20 NW	16/24 NW	16/24 NW	14/22 NW	15/24 W
Glen	2/5 N	3/10 NW	9/20 NW	11/24 NW	12/26 NW	12/26 NW	12/25 NW	10/25 NW	10/23 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-5/-13	-6/-16	-6/-17	-6/-18	-6/-17	-6/-17	-6/-16	-6/-17	-7/-18
900	-4/-9	-4/-11	-4/-12	-4/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12
600	-2/-6	-2/-8	-2/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-10	-2/-10
300	-0/-3	-0/-4	0/-4	0/-4	1/-4	1/-5	0/-5	0/-5	0/-5
Glen	0/-1	2/-0	2/-1	2/-2	3/-1	3/-2	2/-2	2/-2	2/-2
Freezing Level*	200m	200m	300m	300m	400m	300m	300m	300m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add

Forecast for Friday 22 Jan 2021
Weather: Clear or sunny intervals and occasional snow showers though rain on low ground in the west.

Maximum wind: Westerly 30 gusts 40mph easing slowly through the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%

Visibility: Generally good away from showers and clouds, falling poor or very poor in snow showers with cloud bases falling 450m at times.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 on west coast, Plus 2 inland at best.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: 300m

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